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CHAPTER IX.

HIS STATEMENT TO MESSRS. SARA-

I left Hill street in pretty good

humor, for Miss Frida Fairholme gave

have won me from your employment if

home, and, having warned Joe Vialls

to be in readiness to accompany me, I

waited for my last orders. I had been

told I was to be associated with a

British officer, a friend of the captain's,

and that he would join me right away,

so we might take the cars at once for

Plymouth. But my gentleman never

appeared till any hour, and when he

did appear he showed up as a high-

falutin jack-a-dandy whom I thought

no better than a dude. But I was

wrong there, and I will say at once

My instructions came in a letter. It

was addressed to me, indorsed "imme-

diate," in an envelope marked "On Her

Majesty's Service," which I am not, as

you know, and don't want to be, being

a freeborn loyal subject of Uncle Sam.

The letter inside was headed with the

royal arms and signed "Charles Col-

lingham, major general." It was to

inform me that the steam tug Jacob

Silverton had been secured for a par-

ticular business, and would be found

same night lying at the Plymouth pier-

sea at a moment's notice.

The letter went on:

head, with fires banked, ready to go to

I understand from Lloyds, and it has been cal-

culated from the admiralty charts as the basis of

her speed and the progress she has made, that the yacht Fleur-dc-Lis should be abreast of the

Lizard about dawn or, say, 3:30 to 4 a. m. to-morrow. If the tug leaves Plymouth before mid-

night, she can gain such a position by daybreak as to meet the Fleur-de-Lis and cross her course.

When you have intercepted her, as you surely will, she will be boarded by an officer of my de-partment, who will accompany you and who car-

ries the necessary authority from the lords of the admiralty to detain and search her. He is em-powered to use force if necessary, and a certain

ber of police and coast guardsmen will be

If you do not sight her at once, you must lie to,

waiting, for she cannot well have passed.

she wanted my services. Then I went

BAND.

we parted.

IN PURSUIT-MR. SNUYZER CONTINUES her course southerly."

GIRL OF GRIT.

BY MAJ. ARTHUR GRIFFITHS.

me a draft on account which might laugh at us. Can't touch her, they'll

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"You'll wait to take the boy off, I hope?" I was anxious about Joe, not wishing he should come to harm. "That's all right. He understands.

land on his own account. I gave him money and explained. No fear of him.' We got no sign from him the whole shore in the dingey. He, of course, of that afternoon and evening. The time passed quickly enough, for the what we thought to do and how we board, Lawford shook his head. should do it. The boldest plan pleased

up Joe by the way, board her and trust to luck and bounce for the rest. Night came about 8 o'clock, dark

about 9. But a little before that we you bet." heard shots and the noise of a rumpus. faint, but distinct, in the distant. Some thing was up, certain sure, and in the direction of the bay, for the sounds

came from the yacht. "Better not poke our noses into any young yet. We've got it all before

118." So we waited half an hour, and

of oars approaching. What could it mean? Then came a low "Hello! Jacob was soon alongside, in a boat that be-

so, anyway, and we were bound to believe him, although it was a confound-While he waited among the rocks he

still kept his lookout on the yacht. Although it had fallen dark, he could make out her hull on the water plainly; there were lights, too, aboard, with streaks and reflections strong enough fizzle.

Suddenly he saw a figure dropping out of the stern into the yacht's dingey, on purpose, and which, anyway, was

the man in it; so he got up on to the How the Price Climbed From September,

might go hard with him. But, at his own request, they let Major Thornhill have some talk with him, in which a little light was thrown If we have to leave in a hurry, he's to on recent proceedings. William Wood make the best of his way back to Eng- has been brought thus far in the Fleurde-Lis, a close prisoner, but by Lawford's help had broken out and got to

was the man Joe had seen. Questioned as to the confidential major and I talked all the time of papers, and whether they were on "The duke has stuck to them. us best, and we meant to row straight There's money in them, a big pile, and for the yacht with all hands, picking he's crossing the pond by tomorrow's mail to sell them to Uncle Sam. Guess

nothing more from this crowd except my death, and it's to my advantage to serve the other side. If you want those row, not till we're driven to it," the papers, you must look for them on the ampton tomowrow (Sunday) morning."

Saturday, and we might have done it lawyers are a sight slower and more interfering than the British, and they wanted all of us to sign a new "verbal malities were not completed by Sunready to start for England the Chattabochee must have already left the Solent.

We made, therefore, for Weymouth the nearest point, and landed late that night. Thence the major and I took the cars for London, neither of us remarkably happy, for the whole blooming business was more or less of a

TO BE CONTINUED.

Miscellancous Reading.

1899, to the Present-Small Crops Worth More Than a Large One-Outlook For the Immediate Future-Important In- May contracts closing in the week endcidents of the Year's Trade. week having been from 9.19-9.47. There

At the opening of the new calendar year, cotton had advanced about one and a half cents a pound, and there was the rapidly growing conviction weather conditions throughout the cot-ton belt, which might materially inthat the crop would prove much smaller than had been generally estimated earcrease the current crop above earlier inhabitants. He was ever on the lier in the season. For the week ending January 6, May estimates.

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contracts closed at 7.40, and the range of fluctuations during the week for that option had been from 7.34 to 7.61. Just at this time a prominent cot-ton house, which had for several months been aggressively bullish on the market, shifted their position sud-denly, insisting that the advance had the general belief that the South Af-rican war could not last much longer, gone far enough, and that 71 cents for cotton was sufficiently high, no matter eral weeks late, would be seriously cut off in the event of early frost. Over and above these problematical lookout. how small the crop might prove. The sudden change of front by this firm made some impression on the market;

but it was very short-lived. The South-ern markets continued firm, European gave substantial encouragement to those who believed in the higher price advices grew steadily more favorable and the crop movement continued small, all of which influences combin-ed to sustain prices at or about the

world was, on September 1, 1900, small er than it had been on the correspond late level. The only thing that tended to check

further advance was uneasiness over the situation in South Africa; but, in spite of that hindrance, by February than for a long time, they having ly and unconcernedly as if on a holi-bought little more than hand-to-mouth day. The ringing of the bell changed May contracts had made a new recsupply during the latter part of the crop year, believing firmly in an abundord, selling as they did at 7.86. For the first half of February speculation was active and prices of con-

tracts for future delivery showed still further sharp advances. The spot markets throughout the South we're

very firm, the demand coming largely from abroad. The sentiment of both Liverpool and the Continent became decidedly bullish. The crop movement was now fairly heavy, but there was not much importance attached to the increased receipts, the general belief being that they would fall off mate-

rially in the very near future. For the week ending February 16, May contracts closed at 8.60, thus showing an advance of over threequarters of a cent within two weeks naturally, in the course of such an ad-

vance, fluctuations were very violent. One of the strongest features of the situation was that spot cotton ad-vanced even more than contracts for future delivery. This gave the bulls great confidence, and they pressed their advantage for all it was worth. their advantage for all it was worth. During the latter part of February the market was less active, speculation contracted, and even the best friends and outstripped New York and even the Southern market in the upward The statements of "General Sny-

movement. The advance was so rapid that on that cotton had were obliged to admit that the enormous advance which had son made sharp reaction at any mo-ment highly probable. This apprehension, however, falled to develop any aggressive bearish senti-no more American cotton for immedi-Interesting Review of a Re-land the figure, which had no doubt been crouching in the bottom, out of sight, got up on to the thwarts and began pulling like mad. Joe soon made up his mind. He must know more about this boat and the man in it; so he got up on to the

These conditions became emphasized throughout the month of March, so that by the end of the month prices At this stubborn resistance in our

prolongation of the South African war, daybreak, sometimes the opening shot the serious disturbances in China, re-ports from all centers of large stocks was held back until after breakfast. of manufactured goods in first and sec-ond hands, and the hope of improved ful ape, who had been trained to procot- tect the garrison and the handful of

alert. The instant smoke was seen to What tended, however, to counteract, rise from the Boer batteries the ape, these adverse influences and made from an elevated scaffolding or tower, any material decline improbable was saw and knew that the huge shells were about to pour into the town. And that the Chinese complications would sometimes before the report of the somehow be settled without involving cannon was heard the alarm was the great powers in general war, and the current crop being admittedly sevhouse bell, removed from its accustom-

differences of opinion were the follow-ing recognized facts in the case, which alke were ever on the qui vive for the sound of the bell. They placed their fate First. The visible supply of the animal. Before the tinking sounds entirely in the hands of this sagicious were heard, Mafeking looked much the same as ony other town surrounded ing date for many years. Second. European spinners were hand its people were strolling about as quiet-

streets and houses, were subterranean ant yield from this crop. Third. Liverpool speculators were tunnels of all shapes and sizes. In said to be heavily short of cotton for Kansas they would be termed "cy-

pared places of refuge. The bell was our New York market. Fourth. The spot markets through-out the South were exceptionally low in stocks, and cotton was being firmly held at higher prices relatively than ruled in New York. Thus at was that at the opening of this season those who studied all the conditions closely and weighed the pros and come dispassion etcle for the sease of the sease of

pros and cons dispassionately, found was raised he was the recipient of a no temptation to bear cotton; but were great many honors. Later he was taeasily converted to a faith in material-ly higher prices. ly higher prices. Through this widening friendliness to the bull side prices hardened imme-diately after September 1st, and dur-er. This life was not agreeable to him, ing the first week of the new season an advance of over half a cent a pound Bostock for \$200 at Glasgow. There

man's" exploits were doubted in some September 7th a considerable number of Masachusetts spinners held a meet-ticism was removed by the statements

Many of the pillars of the church be

secration and says his all is on the alar and yet us

less we force her."

ice sergeant joined us. "Is she drawing away from us?" "Not much, not much. I much doubt that I cottoned to him some before if she does at all. The next hour will ettle that." "Has she made us out, think you?" "Must have, when she changed her

"A little, I'm afraid. Can't say for

certain. What's worse, she's changed

"Steering for the French coast. Don't

you see? If she can make a French

port or gain French waters, three miles

from shore, you understand, she will

I was ready to let out a big oath, but

turned out and ran up on deck to see

It was a perfectly splendid morning.

"Why worse?"

the situation for myself.

"How is she steering?"

"We're some 90 miles from the nearest land, as we're now steering," said the major, who had joined us on the bridge. "Ought to strike it this afternoon early, anywhere between Lannion, Roscoff, or St. Pol, if we keep a

straight course at the same speed." "What sort of country might it be?" which seemed to have been put there "Any big cities or seaports

"Morlaix is the nearest, and Brest, the great arsenal, is just round the

"Will she communicate, think you? Hardly suit her, I should say." "It will depend. She's not the sort to appeal to the French police, gen-

doubt she will fight shy of the law un-

"As how?" board that yacht somehow. I mean to this letter, will travel with you to Plymouth. He overhaul her and scarch her from stem is a triend of Captain Wood's and brother staff to stern by force or stratagem, fair on board. But they won't want us. and in the last extremity, to avoid our

The sun strong, sky clear, water smooth as glass. There was our chase, leaving a long line of coal black smoke exactly reflected in the sea. "They're giving her all they can get," said to the skipper, as I climbed quickly on to the bridge, where the po-

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course," said the sergeant.

"W. S. W. southerly," answered the skipper. "Bring up on the Brittany coast, I expect, a little short Ushant."

1 asked. handy?"

corner.'

darmes, douaniers, or what not. No

edly queer story.

to show up parts of her.

"See here, Mr. Snuyzer; I've got to top of the rocks, where there was a better surface, and ran all the head of the bay, following the sound of the oars and getting a squint means or foul. She's got contraband now and again of the black smudge of the dingey. He came upon it at last, high and dry on the shore. But the man was gone.

you won't overtake him, and if you try to stop him on landing he'll have the and starless. It was best to get to American government on his side. work right away, and we were to start They're hungering for those papers, "You are positive they are not here?" insisted Thornhill. . "Don't I tell you? I'm likely to get

major said quietly. "The night's Chattahoochee, and she leaves South-It was now only the afternoon of were on the point of starting out on well starting back full steam ahead at an expedition when we heard a sound once. But French police and French

Silverton aboy!" in Joe's voice, and he process" all about ourselves. The forlonged to the Fleur-de-Lis. He said day morning, and by the time we were

on board the tus Major Swete Thornhill, R. A., the bearer of officer and will be glad to co-operate in the rescue and render any assistance.

I found a tall, military looking gentleman at the door in a hansom.

"Hop in," he cried pleasantly. "Only just time to catch the 5 express."

I preferred to travel with Joe, but we joined forces at Paddington, where my gentleman had secured a compartment, and we started to talk over our business right away.

"Hang that fellow Willie Wood!" began the major. "Wish he was at the bottom of the sea. I was due this very night at a big feed at the Charlatan club, and I've had to spend it in the train. Got me a jawbation. too. from the chief, for we were all out at lunch when he came in, and as I was the first his tongue and came in for this ugly job. Is it all a true bill? Have they really got Master Willie in a tight place? Mean to make him walk the plank and all that, eh?"

I told him the whole story from the beginning, at parts of which he laughed and parts looked very grave.

"Always was a garden ass. Willie Wood, but a good chap-good as they make 'em. He'd give you the shirt off his back and always ready to do all your work if you'd let him. Now, I'll parallel to the coast, touching St. Pol do my level best to pull him out of this, first and then other villages and at mess if I can. What chance have we? last Morlaix. Let's see how it stands."

of his pocket and a pair of dividers. try. What's your idea?" We went over the points one by one,: and he took them all in a clear, quick way that was beautiful to see. It was the first time I'd had to work with a much till nightfall, unless they came this major they're a spry, smart lot,

and don't you forget it. "It's all a question of time," he said as he marked a cross upon the chart and, after running out a few more figures, went on:

"That's where the Fleur-de-Lis ought to be by daylight, three or four miles to the westward, steaming at the rate we know of, not necessarily gaining, but possibly with better speed in hand if she wants it. Now, where shall we be? That will depend upon how our hooker steams, and for that we must wait till we get on board."

We found her, the Jacob Silverton with her steam up, lying alongside the wharf in the Millbay docks, and, as they expected us, we were soon under way. It was then close on 1 a. m. Now the major made anxious inquiries as to her speed, and we found the best she could do was about nine knots. There were no more than three hours cord." to daylight, and then we should have covered a bare 30 miles.

"It'll be a near thing." said the ma jor. "However, let's get 40 winks while they crack on all steam and make her move."

I had not been in bed for a couple of nights and was sound asleep when the major woke me.

the Fleur-de-Lis; saw her plainly he was to wave his cap; if she sent a yacht. enough, and there was no mistaking her, about three miles to the westward on. and bore down on her straight. I suppose she did not like our looks and

interference, they may seek protection Joe was a smart nipper; he knew from the French authorities." what he had to do, and that was to "She'll soon be in French waters, I

take It." "That's why I'd like to head her off and board her in the open sea. But we haven't the pace, I fear. We must take our chance and act as opportunity

offers." We went on deck again to watch and wait, making out the French coast about noon, and as we neared it within a couple of miles we saw the Fleur-de-Lis bear up suddenly as if in search of an opening; some small harbor or haback I had to take the rough edge of ven where she might slip in to lie snug and safe from our pursuit.

"There she goes," cried the major, as the yacht disappeared between two low, rocky headlands. "Take the bearings of that entrance. We must fix it and mark it down on the chart."

The place proved to be a little hamlet. St. Guignon, only a few houses standing under a background of sloping hills at the far end of a small landlocked bay. Farther back the chart showed a road running nearly

"They think we can't touch them; With that he pulled a small chart out, that may be so, but I mean to have a way would be to row out in the dingey;

able length and settled:

British officer, and if they're all like out again, which was not to be expect- several shots, pretty quickly followed 22, January contracts closed at 6.44, showing a gain of just 44 points from out again, which was not to be expect-ed. We must, of course, watch for by yells and curses. Joe saw that the interval of showing a gain of the season. By the end of the month the market of interval of the season. and on, ready if it so fell out to con-began to dance about in the village, had made a still further advance tinue the pursuit

tinue the pursuit. Second.-We must reconnoiter; some "They'll soon have the gendarmes on future delivery were practically three one must sneak near enough to spy on their backs. Now's our time. We'll quarters of a cent higher at the end them, and, without being seen, try to take the dingey back; it will be an ex- than at the opening of the first month

get at their game. Third .- If she held her ground, we major. "Sharp's the word, skipper. must cut her out some time in the Man the boat, every soul you can ing the week at 6.95. night. It was a bold move. They spare, cast loose and give way.'

into serious trouble with the French when we got to the yacht; it had authorities, for it would be organized brought the authorities, for when we war in neutral waters, a grave breach halled the answer came in French to

be by daylight. "Anyway, we'd better bring the tug they should give us the slip-get ashore into the bay and lie close handy a loss of six points in condition of crop against the morning," I suggested, and "They couldn't take the captain, not the advice was considered good, al-

the dead of night.

There were more difficulties made next day, and it was quite late before had come off from shore-a magistrate. closed at 7.14. one or two doctors, and an officer of "verbal process," as it is called; for nals arranged to keep us up to the time there had been wounding and attempt-

> The long and the short of it was that the rogues had fallen out among depression in the stock market, and

board," the major said. "Got a man from the point of view of some of forced to liquidation, which gave the turned on full steam ahead. Doubt if at the masthead on the lookout, and I them. McQuahe, the colonel from ing January contracts as low at 6.90 silver, we shall catch her now."

Latham. Alexander & Co., of New was a radical change from this range York, are among the most reliable and of values before the middle of May, intelligent cotton authorities in the the trade conditions throughout this world. The following review of the country and abroad having come to operations of the past year is taken show less activity, and undue accuoperations of the past year is taken mulation of cotton goods in first hands from the twenty-seventh annual edition began to be generally reported. The backwardness of the crop, con-

of their "Cotton Movements and Fluctuations," just issued:

flicting reports as to acreage, Ellison's estimates of the probable available supply at the end of the current sea-The cotton year of 1899-1900 was one long to be remembered. The volume son and the statistical strength of cotof trade was large, speculation was ton were the influences that tended to check decline, but were not sufficient to from time to time broad, and fluctuations were unusually wide. The season revive very broad speculation. The opened under conflicting conditions, liquidation of outstanding May conand opinions among those presumably tracts was the feature of trading as best informed were at radical variance notice day approached. The visible supply was superabund-ant, the acreage of the growing crop During the month of May there was wide fluctuations, the prime cause of was conceded to be ample, and manu-facturers were said to be well-stocked. which being the suspension of a prom-inent firm which had been conspicu-Owing to prevalent cheapness of cotously identified with the last rise. Imton for sometime, traders had become mediately prior to and upon the an-nouncement of this firm's suspension, ccustomed to a low level of prices and almost the only hope of those who bethere was a sensational break of over leved in a materially higher range of a cent a pound, May contracts having values was based on faith in a smaller sold, during the week ending May 19, at 9.68, and selling during the week crop, and a broadening improvement in general trade of the country and conseending May 26, as low at 8.48. For some time after this violent de quent increased business in manufac-

tured cotton goods. tured cotton goods. Thus may be epitomized general con-ditions and the prevailing outlook of Sentember 1, 1899. September 1, 1899. In the first week of the new seasor encouragement forthcoming from the advices of the cotton goods people eithending September 8, the market was et here or abroad, crop news became generally favorable, and spot cotton nominal, and, so to speak, featureless, January contracts opening on Septemthroughout the South was decidedly ber 1 at 6.04 and closing September

easier. at 6.13 For the week ending June 2, August By this time discussion of the grow contracts closed at 8.12, and the range for the week had been from 8.03 to 8.62. ing crop began to interest everybody, and opinions differed so widely that the It was not natural to suppose that the market would revive promptly after so severe a shock, and yet, by the midmarket became sensitive to shifting reports, and fluctuated acordingly. lle of July all the May and June loss had been recovered, and August con-tracts were selling at the record price, ly influenced the Southern markets for spot cotton, and likewise the New York reaching, as they did, on Monday, July 9, the top figure for the season, namely 9.87. This remarkable advance occur-red, too, in spite of the development of January contracts closed at 6.44, the Chinese complications, continued reports of stagnation in the cotton goods markets, and a decided lessen-ing in the demand for spot cotton. The volume of business on the cotof the current crop, so that prices for ton exchange from this time forward was conducted on very much more conservative lines, and while fluctua-

tions were wide enough for speculative of the season, January deliveries close purposes, they were never again so abing on the last day of week ending September 29 at 6.84, having sold durormal as they had been. By the last of July, August contracts had broken below 9 cents, selling on Popular talk was then to the effect that 7.00 would be high water mark the first day of August at 8.86, and on

be an unknown quantity for sometime to come, and this makes another elethe last day of the week ending Au-gust 3, at 8.51. This decline, however, for January contracts. gust 3, at 8.51. This decline, nowever, was for the most part by easy stages, but had been forced by the continued dullness in the demand for spot cot-ton, more unsatisfactory condition of the cotton goods trade both here and and and a material improvement in Despite that current view, and also the exceptional financial stringency in Wall street, which carried call money as high as 40 per cent. early in Octo ber, cotton continued to advance and abroad, and a material improvement in and violent, we do not see any reason January contracts, during the week the crop outlook during the month of for believing in much, if any, lower enjoy. ending October 7, sold at 7.25.

The government report issued Octoprices than at present prevail. On the In reviewing the season, we are led to other hand, a very much higher level was again unfavorable, showing July. ber 19 these brief conclusions: The South is may be reached if consumption proves financially more independent that she as great as is expected, and the supduring the month of September; but has been since the war. Her cotton ply turns out to be as short as now crop of 9,436,416 bales this year brought seems probable. traders insisted that this gloomy reand that

\$81,011,822 more than the crop of 11,-75,000 bales last year. She has an inexhaustible mine of sentiment slacked. As a result, the

gold in her monopoly of cotton producmarket hesitated and prices receded; How a Trained Ape Guarded the Besieged ing lands that the civilized world dein consequence of which, for the week pends upon, and the present monetary

system is greatly to her advantage, because nearly two-thirds of her crop Two Generals Snymans were conspic uous during the famous siege of Mafenust be sold to gold countries and paid king. One was a wily Boer com-About this time the market took on for in that metal. Now, these indisputable facts make mander and the other was an intelnew strength and became buoyant, January contracts, for the week ending plain three things for the South's profligent ape. The job of the flesh and table guidance: November 11, selling as high as 7.65, the blood General Snyman was to force

First. Watch the world's consumpadvance having been encouraged by of spot cotton by both European and cotton. Second. Lean more to the diversifi-

home spinners. cation of crops and thereby insure The following month there was great greater independence. the beginning of the daily bombard-Third. The gold standard should certainly be entirely satisfactory to a ment. The original General Snyman ed the monarch, starting violently. people who are in no way interested in failed to accomplish his task; the coun-silver, and whose chief product is nec-terfeit did. For this reason "General we shall catch her now." "Of course we must stick to her. Has she the heel of us?" I asked anx-fously. Then the roya the opening of the current sea-the opening of the current sea-the opening of the current sea-the opening like a reliable forecast of the opening like a reliab to the civilized world and com-Snyman," the ape, or, as some have

home markets. Europe took fresh fright. has only fought a sham battle. had receded nearly half a cent a pound giving the Liverpool market a greater boost on Saturday, September 9th, than on any previous day during the current advance. New York responding March 31 at 9.27, the range for the

and Octob

ailures announced.

total vield unreliable

litcle attention was paid to it.

much. It is a "spotted crop," and that

in itsen, makes any prediction of the

Besides that, the extent of the dam-

age done by the Texas disaster must

HERO OF MAFEKING.

Town.

options well above 9 cents, and show

er delivery?

selling

quarters of a cent a pound.

come sleepers. The pockets of Sunday pants never did have much change ed enthusiastically to Liverpool's rerisked in them. markable advance and closed Satur If talking was the power which runs day. September 9th, with all the activ

the church one man or woman could ing a gain for the first nine days of the be found in every congregation to do new season of from a half to threethe work.

Many throw away one of heaven's richest gifts-opportunities. The strongest believers in a commu-

Following this sensational 10 days' record came the indescribable storm of Saturday night and Sunday, sweeping nity of goods have the least to put in over a great part of the state of Tex as, causing terrible loss of life and de the common treasury.

stroying millions of dollars' worth of God will not accept the napkins of exproperty. The first accounts of the cuses as the equivalent of the interlamentable disaster filled the New est which should have been accrued York papers Monday morning and were

cabled to Liverpool before the opening on the buried talent, of the markets there. The result was He who has never He who has never had God to wipe tremendous." The Liverpool market opened in the wildest possible exciteaway his tears by an open grave has missed religion's sweetest consolation. ment, carrying prices in a whirl to the highest level reached for years. The God has enough promising notes advance at the opening there over Sat-(vows) to bankrupt Him if He was urday's close was nearly a cent a pound dependent on men.

or spot cotton and from a half to Some church members are better able hree-quarters of a cent a pound for to stay away from a collection than futures. The New York market opened in full they are from places of sin.

résponse to Liverpool's wild advance for futures, contracts for September Some parents seems to think that the best way to train up their children is on the not to train them at all. opening call at 10 cents, being from 50

He who fears God fully fears no one to 60 points above Saturday night's close. Later in the day September sold

at 10.50, being a full cent a pound over Saturday's price, and spot cotton was All of Uncle Sam's idiotic children are not in the asylum. The man who quoted at 10% cents, being the highest price reached in ten years. has made a reputation has made a troublesome thing. If he has to look During the whole day the cotton

exchange continued in a state of inafter much else. tense excitement, bordering sometimes on demoralization and panic. The vol-The "Jack-with-the-lantern" Chris-

tian is dangerous to follow. ume of trading was enormous, and yet If some people's heavenly citizenship under the strain of this unexpecte is like their earthly they will not be condition there were but two small very useful citizens.

The white cotton blooms of today The government report for Augus was issued at 12 o'clock, and while i will be the reds ones of tomorrow. The made a very unfavorable showing for white lies of childhood become the the growing crop, which would under black ones of manhood and womanordinary circumstances have been sufficient to create enthulasm among the hood.

bulls, it was so unimportant, as com-God never puts tags on His children pared with the disaster in Texas, that to announce that they are Christians. To feed your soul on the inconsist-It is too early in the season to make anything like a reliable estimate of encies of other Christians is to give it , the current crop; but from all infor poor food indeed.

mation we have, covering the entire cotton belt, we do not think that it wil Those who argue most about the Scriptures do not always live best. be any greater than last year's, if that

He who ceases to watch will soon cease to pray.

A position which is above a man's capacity only develops the weakness of his character.

A dead man always advocates dead issues.

"Vanity Fair" is always running and is always patronized.

The man who would enjoy his religion alone has nothing but selfishness to

We have no right to say that we enjoy our religion unless others can say they enjoy it.

The narrow way is wide enough for us to walk two abreast into the kingdom.

The hypocrite is the devil's acknowl edgement of the genuineness and worth of the Christian religion.

The Christian who when away from home goes to places and does what he does not frequent and do at home denies in practice the omnipresence of God, and is more concerned about the opinion of men than he is for the favor of God.

THE SULTAN .- "What," asked the

tive demand and produce no surplus the gallant Baden-Powel to surrender Sultan, casually, "is the meaning of the town and his sorely-harassed gar- dun?"

rison; that of his missing-link name-sake was to keep the town advised of in English, quite misunderstanding his "Ah, I begin to understand!" mutter-"The powers imagine if they dun me enough they will eventually do me!' Then the royal brow darkened and the order went forth that the sultan would personally review his troops in sham massacre later in the day.-



He saw a figure dropping out of the stern into the yacht's dingey.

pass on his news to us. The quickest

We talked it out at pretty consider-

side and giving the yacht a wide berth. First.-That we could do nothing

and the alarm was given.

cuse for getting on board," said the

A shore boat was already alongside might show fight, and we might get

of international law. But the major keep off, that the police were in charge, laughed and said he meant to do it all and if we had anything to say it must the same.

"What I am most afraid of is that and run for it."

by force, in broad daylight, and he though the skipper did not much like the late advance in the market had fulwouldn't be likely to go of his own ac-cord."

"True for you, Snuyzer. I'm in hope they'll just stay where they are, thinkmay stay a little too long. Now, I'm de-Lis. Some more big French toads lied on the last down of the 20, but ralfor the shore, and I shall take Joe." The major was away for a good hour. and he came back alone. He had left gendarmes-and they had begun a Joe on the watch, with one or two sig-

began abruptly. "We've just missed of day. If the yacht moved her berth, ed murder, so they said, on board the unusually large buying in the South boat ashore, his handkerchief, and so

themselves; with good reason, too, Wall street interests in cotton were

so he ran her back into the water and government report issued September pulled out to the sea, coasting the far 11 was very unfavorable, and natural-When almost off it, a fierce row broke out aboard. Six shooters were let off, ingly, for the week ending September

